

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 939 - SB 1188

March 4, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires political party affiliation to be added to the voter registration application. Requires the following statement to be added to the application: *Notice: A voter choosing not to select a statewide political party affiliation will not be eligible to vote in a primary election.*

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue - \$10,500/Office of Information Resources/One-Time
Increase State Expenditures – \$26,900/Division of Elections/One-Time

Assumptions:

- According to the Division of Elections, eight computer programs/interfaces will require updating.
- This work will be performed by the Office of Information Resources at \$82 per hour.
- A total of 25 hours per program/interface.
- A one-time increase in state expenditures of \$16,400 (8 programs x \$82 x 25 hours) for the Division of Elections; a one-time increase in state revenue to OIR.
- According to the Division of Elections, the state recently purchased new voter registration applications at a cost of approximately \$10,500.
- A one-time increase in state expenditures of \$10,500 to reprint new applications.
- Total one-time increase in state expenditures to the Division of Elections will be \$26,900 (\$10,500 + \$16,400).
- Based on prior information from local administrators of elections, modifications of voter registration software for capturing party affiliation will not involve an additional cost to county election commission offices since the modifications are expected to be covered under the annual service agreement.
- Any impact to county election commission offices can be accommodated within existing resources without additional personnel or without a reduction in other budget items.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffery A. Spalding".

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Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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